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REMARKS

Ammunition Depot at Altengrabow.

1. On 3 August 1951, it was learned that several thousand German-made empty ammunition boxes, which were stored on the premises of the Soviet ammunition depot at Altengrabow, had been loaded on 40 boxcars and shipped to Brest-Litovsk as transit goods prior to 3 August. (1)

Signal Equipment Depot at Bad Saarow-Pieskow.

2. About 150 boxes of about 90 x 60 x 60 cm and about 50 crates of 120 x 20 x 20 cm were piled up in the northeastern corner of the heavily guarded signal equipment depot about 300 meters northwest of the Saarow-Pieskow railroad station on 23 July 1951.

Fuel Depot Under Construction at Bernsdorf.

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3. On 3 August 1951, it was observed that a fuel depot was under construction several hundreds of meters northeast of Bernsdorf (N 52/A h2) south of the road to Hoyerswerda. Fuel containers, similar to those mounted on Soviet Zone railroad tank cars, were piled in front of numerous fresh excavations in a clearing which was about 600 meters long and surrounded by a fence. a Soviet fuel dump with 150 similar containers and with a capacity of 15 tons each would be established there. A tank officer was seen near the installation. (3)

Armory in Finow.

4. On 27 July 1951, 3 AA guns of about 37-mm and 7 mortars of about 120-mm were seen in Shed No 6 of the Soviet armory on the intersection of Steinfurterstrasse and Max Hessestrasse.

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Ammunition depot Waldeslust, Finow.

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5. Truck [] was seen driving to the Waldeslust ammunition depot near Finow on 23 July. (6)

6. A train of 46 loaded boxcars was shunted into the ammunition depot in the woods near Finow at nightfall of 28 July 1951. The train had come from the direction of Bicsenthal. (4), (6), and (7)

Engineer Equipment Depot at Fuerstenwalde-Ketschendorf.

7. On 23 July, about 15 pontoons were seen in the area of the engineer equipment depot at Ketschendorf near Fuerstenwalde. They were about 3.5 meters long, 1.7 meters wide and 0.30 meters high. Six of them appeared to be wooden pontoons with slanting bows and straight sterns, while nine were box-like metal pontoons.

8. A heavy train of 33 cars with four boats each from the engineer equipment depot at Ketschendorf was dispatched to Berlin-Gruenau during the night of 24 July 1951. (8)

Establishment of a New Soviet Depot at Fuerstenwalde-Ketschendorf.

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9. At the end of July, it was learned that a new Soviet unit was quartered in the former German cable plant at Ketschendorf. Machine parts from Wildau arrived as express cargo, sometimes on 15 to 20 boxcars.

Medical Depot at Potsdam.

10. Five of nine ambulances on blocks in a shed of the Soviet medical depot on Bertinistrasse, Potsdam, on 6 August, []

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Tank truck [] was parked in the yard. The Soviet personnel at the depot was estimated at not more than 30 men. (10) and (6)

Repair Shop at Schoenebeck.

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11. At the end of July 1951, it was again determined that the Soviet tank repair shop in the former percussion-cap factory at Schoenebeck, [] is operated by a unit with a strength of two companies [] Trucks [] and tank truck [] were seen at the shop. (11), (4) and (6)

Supply Installations at Strausberg

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12. On 25 and 26 July, it was learned that Soviet supply installations were located in the former rolling mill and the adjacent aircraft repair shop on the southeastern perimeter of Strausberg between Hegermuehlenstrasse and the railroad line. Sentries at the entrance wore air force insignia. Individual shots were heard from the direction of the target range. Motor vehicles observed at the installation on 25 July included: a prime mover towing a canvas-covered artillery piece of about 76-mm, probably an AA gun, leaving the aircraft repair shop at about 10:45 a.m.; truck [] occupied by three air force soldiers and carrying ammunition boxes, leaving the former rolling mill at about 11 a.m.; and, having returned, leaving again toward the town at about 3:30 p.m.; and truck [] driving

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toward the town in the afternoon, driven by an air force soldier. A Lanz tractor picked up a 85-mm AA gun at the former aircraft repair shop in the morning of 26 July. Sedan [] was seen moving out of the former rolling mill in the afternoon of the same day occupied by a senior lieutenant and two air force soldiers. (12) and (6) 50X1-HUM

Tank and Motor Vehicle Repair Shop at Vetschau.

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13. On 14 August 1951, it was determined that a Soviet tank repair shop was located on the premises of a former factory near the Vetschau railroad station. Two SP guns, which appeared to be of model YSU-122, were parked in the yard. In addition, seven more armored vehicles covered with canvas, which were probably also SP guns, stood in the yard. At about 5 p.m., a Diesel locomotive coming from the direction of Cottbus with two cars carrying one T-34/85 tank [] and SU-100 SP gun [] arrived at the Vetschau railroad station. The armored vehicles were towed to the repair shop by means of a tank tow truck. Trucks [] were seen leaving the shop at about 10 p.m. (13) and (6) 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

14. On 14 August 1951, it was learned that a Soviet motor vehicle repair shop was established in several buildings in Vetschau. Numerous trucks, some of them heavily soiled, were in the yard. Soldiers were repairing the motors of some of the trucks. []

Trucks [] which were previously seen leaving the tank repair shop, were seen entering the motor vehicle repair shop. The mechanics of both the tank repair shop and motor vehicle repair shop were quartered in a villa near the motor vehicle repair shop. (13) and (6).

Former Ammunition Depot at Wandlitz.

15. On 11 July, a convoy of 2 trucks [] and 5 trucks [] moving along the Bernau-Wandlitz (N 52/2 87) road. It left the road about 2 km west of the point where the road crosses the autobahn and entered a restricted area which formerly was the Wandlitz ammunition depot. (14) and (6) 50X1-HUM

Motor Vehicle Spare Parts Depot at Mildau.

Comments.

- (1) The information confirms the large Soviet ammunition depot in the former German Army ammunition depot until the beginning of August 1951. [] 50X1-HUM
- (2) The information confirms the Soviet signal equipment depot of the GDR until the end of July 1951. []
- (3) Information that a new fuel depot with a capacity of allegedly about 2,000 cubic meters was to be established []

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(4)

(5) The information confirms the Soviet armory until the end of July 1951.

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(7) Confirms the Soviet Waldeslust ammunition depot near Finow until the end of July 1951.

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(8) Confirms the Soviet engineer equipment depot at Ketschendorf until the end of July 1951, the exact location of which has not been determined. Also it is not clear whether there are one or two depots.

(9) The information probably refers to the transfer of the motor vehicle and tire depot of the GONG in Wildau to Ketschendorf.

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(10) Confirms the medical depot on Bertinistrasse in Potsdam.

(11) The installation is a large Soviet tank repair shop in the suburb of Salzelmen. It employs about 400 German workers.

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(12) Confirms the Soviet repair shop in the southeastern sector of Strausberg. It has been known since September 1949.

(13)

_____ it seems
that a motor vehicle repair shop has been established in addition to the
tank repair shop. However, confirmation is required.

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(14) No records are available indicating that a German ammunition depot was located at Wandlitz (N 53/2 37). Further information is required.

(15) The information probably refers to the transfer of the Soviet depot in Wildau to the Fuhrstenwalde-Ketschendorf area.

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